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Cables for Japan.—Among the passengers by the Japanese mail steamer Kumano Maru, which arrived here yesterday, was a prominent Japanese merchant, who is making a visit to Australia for the purpose of selecting thoroughbred cattle for breeding purposes in Japan. It is understood that he will endeavor to secure 200 pairs of steers, which will be shipped in Japan by the Kumano Maru, leaving here on November 6.

The English Mail. The mails by the R.M.S. Victoria (Orient Line) will reach Sydney in time for delivery on Saturday at 1.30 p.m., to-morrow—on the contract time. The R.M.S. Victoria arrived yesterday at Fremantle, and her mails bearing the date of London, September 26, are expected in time for delivery in Sydney on Tuesday afternoon next.

An Island Cruise.—The steamship Titus returned from a cruise among the islands of the South Seas yesterday morning, but brought no news of a sensational character. She sailed from Sydney on September 3, and after calling at Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, Tasmania, etc., etc., arrived yesterday at Fremantle, and her mails bearing the date of London, September 26, are expected in time for delivery in Sydney on Tuesday afternoon next.

The last part—Marine Sound—was left on the 4th instant, and the steamer then proceeded to Vila, Norfolk Island, was reached on the 16th instant, and the steamer sailed again the same day. Owing to the boisterous weather the Titus was unable to make the usual call at Lord Howe Island on the return journey. Captain Billings, master of the Titus, states that everything in the Salomon Islands was found to be quiet. Trade is slack owing to the bad weather which has been experienced lately. At Ruhuna news was received of the death since the last visit of the Titus of Mr. Andrew Bennett, a prominent planter of the islands. H.M.S. Sparrow and H.M.S. Dart were both met at Savuata, and had nothing of importance to relate. At Lunga it was reported that Mr. A. J. Rath, a well-known planter, had been killed by a fall from his horse in clearing the land. The Titus brings a large cargo of island produce, including 200 tons of copra, and quantities of pearl-shell, beche-de-mer, maize, oranges, hides, wool, and oil.

A Shipping Record.—By the arrival yesterday of three steamships from Japan and China a new record for the port was established. The Eastern and Australian Company's liner Eastern, which sailed from Kobe on September 23 and Hongkong on October 3, was the first to arrive in an appearance. She had a load of 20,000 tons, and the Japanese mail steamer Kumano Maru, from Kobe September 23, and Hongkong October 4, arrived during the afternoon, and the China Navigation Company's steamer Chungking, from Kobe September 20, and Hongkong September 29, entered port at 7.30 last evening, and anchored for the night in Watson's Bay.

The Wreck of the Mambare.—Captain Todd, the master of the steamship Mambare, which was wrecked on a reef off the Island of Tutubu, in the New Hebrides group, on August 30, arrived in Sydney yesterday by the island steamer Titus. Full details in connection with the wreck were given by Captain Todd, who stated, and there is nothing to add, to add Captain Todd and several others stood to the Mambare for some time after the disaster and as much of the cargo as possible. A large quantity of copra, however, was lost. When Captain Todd finally abandoned the wreck she was breaking up fast and was bumping heavily on the reef. Other members of the wrecked ship's company who returned to Sydney by the Titus yesterday stated that the Mambare had been restored. "Borneo" advises that the Bornean liner has been restored."

Sir John and Lady See, as well as the Archbishop of Sydney, have announced their intention of being at the St. John Ambulance Carnival, to be held at the Royal Agricultural Grounds on King's Parade, on Friday, to raise money for the relief of the poor. An important addition to the entertainment is the appearance of the famous "Circus of the World," public before "industrial school." The Attorney-General opposed it with a good deal of earnestness, but when a division was called for he was the only member voting against the amendment. Other amendments were also made in the bill, consideration of which was completed up to clause 14, when progress was reported, and leave given to sit again on Wednesday next. The Wages in Coal Mines Regulation Bill was postponed till that date, and the House rose at 10 p.m.

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Messrs. E. Rich and Co., Limited, of O'Connell-street, are accustomed to issue a very attractive Quarterly Magazine.—The November number is about to have appeared in its paper form, and promises to be surpassing in excellence. The present number is a very good one, and more than half the contents are of extreme interest of magazine character, and have been presented with some skill. The "Quarterly" is illustrated.

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